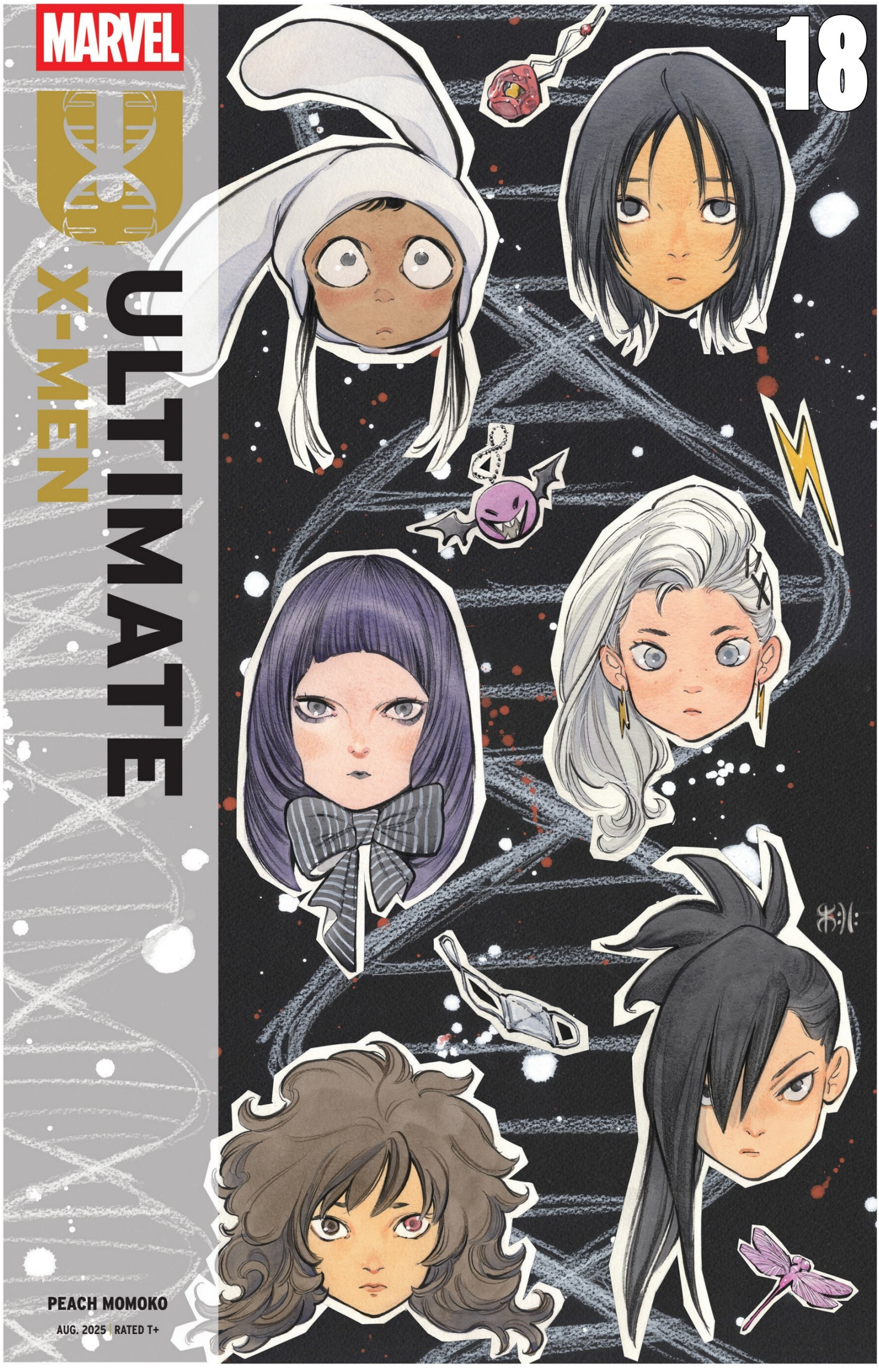
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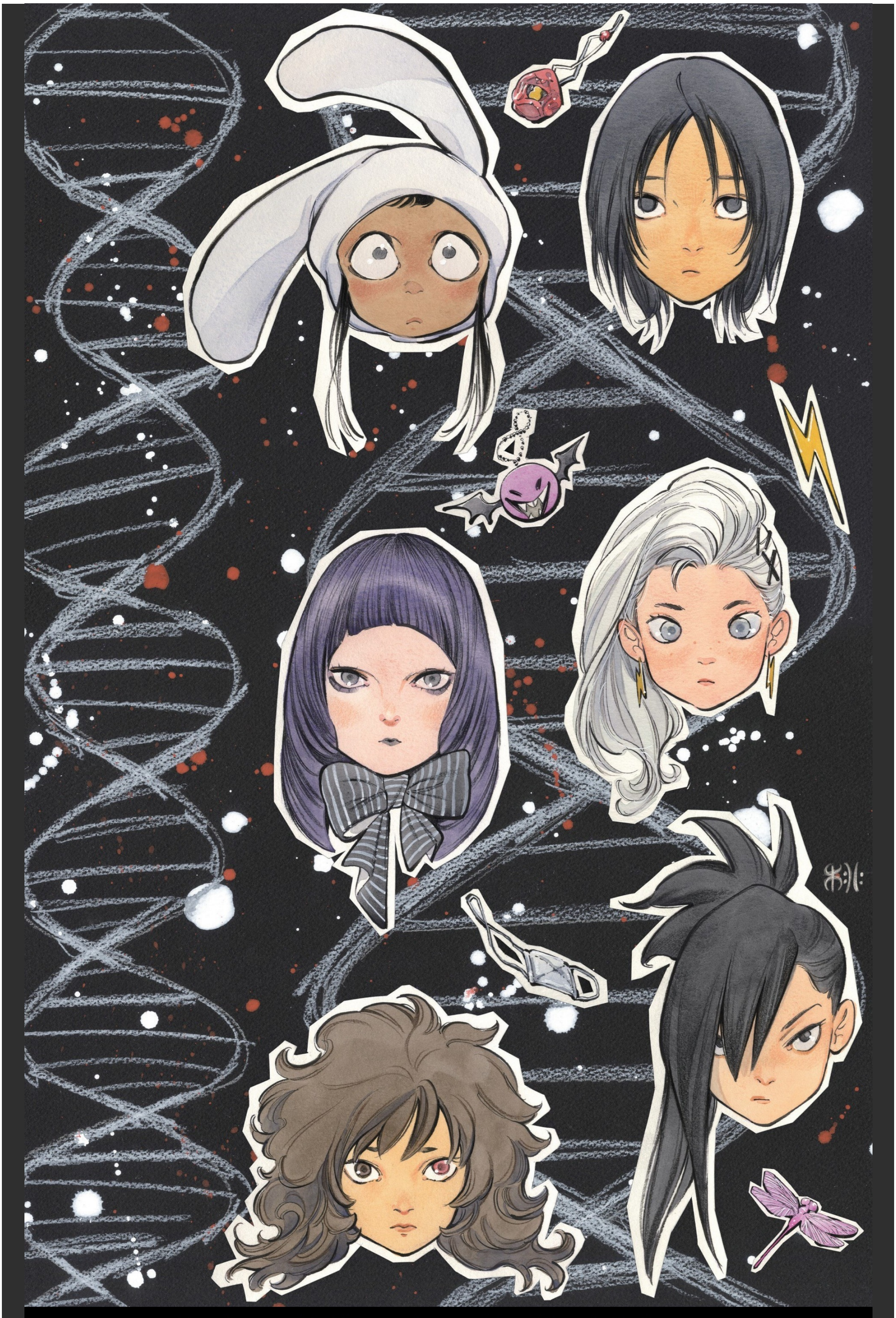

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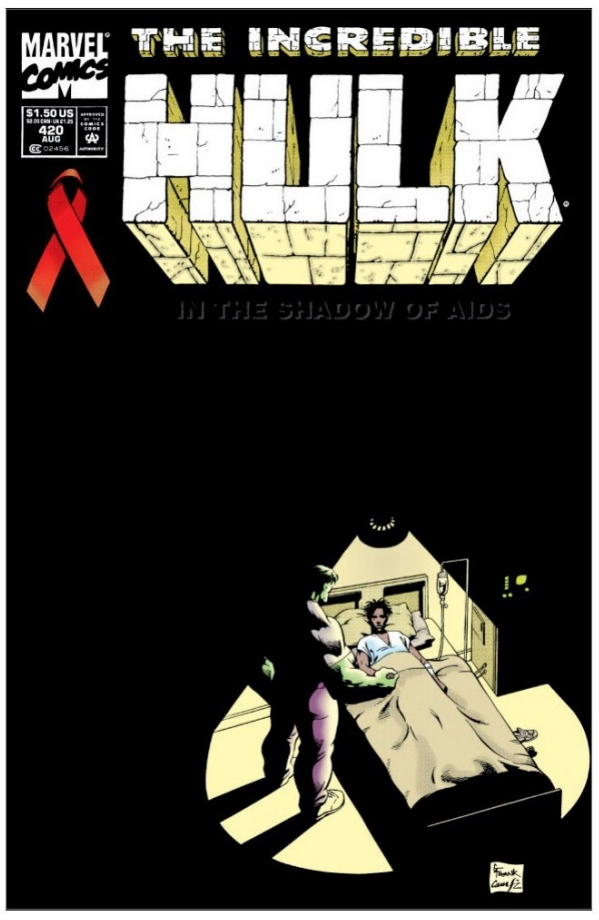
"The only meaningful power is the power we have to help each other. And no power is greater than love, Rick. It's very cornball. It's also true."

— **Peter David** in *Incredible Hulk #467*



"Peter's Hulk was a green beacon at the point when I was breaking into comics. It seemed to be the one book at Marvel without an 'X' on it that really got fans excited. When I came aboard, I couldn't believe how welcoming and generous Peter was to a young artist with no real track record, and the humanity in his characters became a template for the kind of books I would always want to make.

"Even today, thirty years later, the majority of fans I meet open with, 'I loved that Peter David run on Hulk.' Special books. Special writer."

— **Gary Frank**

"Peter was always thinking around corners. Whenever he got a new assignment, his approach would be, 'Okay, what does everyone expect from this series? Great, let's do something else.' And he'd show you a different angle, a different approach, that would suddenly illuminate the characters in a whole new way. He wasn't an 'Everything you know is wrong' guy, but he was definitely an 'Okay, what else?' guy. And it worked—for him, for the books, for his legion of readers. He'd give you something no one else could."

— **Kurt Busiek**

PETER DAVID

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SPIDER-M
SOMEONE HAS KILLED A WOMAN WHO MEANT A LOT TO ME!
ALL RIGHT, MISTER, YOU GOT HER...
...NOW I'M GETTING YOU!
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SPIDEY CUTS LOOSE!

Marvel is saddened by the passing of Peter David, an incredible writer whose talents affected every part of the comics world and beyond.

David's twelve-year run on *Incredible Hulk* was remarkable not only for its length, but also for the depth of ideas, innovations and clever writing. His influence on the character has extended through the years and from page to screen.

He created Spider-Man 2099, one of the first multiversal Spider-Men, and wrote three smart, charming and character-focused *X-Factor* runs. He brought his talents to the rest of the comics industry, including DC's *Young Justice*, *Aquaman* and *Supergirl*. He has written many shelves' full of novels, from his own *Sir Apropos of Nothing* to many ground-breaking Star Trek novels. His column for the *Comics Buyer's Guide*, "But I Digress," gave insights into the comic book industry for more than a decade.

On television, he was the co-creator of *Space Cases* and wrote episodes of *Babylon 5*. He also wrote the films *Oblivion* (1994) and two entries in the *Trancers* series. He has won numerous awards, including an Eisner, an Inkpot, a *Wizard* Fan Award and a GLAAD Media Award.

He is survived by his wife Kathleen and his children Shana, Gwen, Ariel and Caroline.

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A diabolical genius known as **THE MAKER** used time travel to create his ideal Earth by systematically preventing anyone from ever becoming a super hero—except for those on his secret **MAKER'S COUNCIL**, whom he stationed to rule over different regions of the world.

HI NO KUNI ("LAND OF THE SUN") became one of two hotbeds for mutant activity, but civilians were unaware until social media exploded with the story of **CHILDREN OF THE ATOM**, a cult for mutant youth led by a zealot known as **MAESTER**, after **KANON SAINOUCHI** and her police officer brother, **TATSUYA**, found a suitcase containing a body.

Following **NICO MINORU'S** discovery of **HISAKO ICHIKI (ARMOR)'S** captivity by the Children of Atom, **MEI IGARASHI (MAYSTORM)** and her group of masked **X-MEN** infiltrated the cult's hideout to rescue them. Though the team freed Hisako, she chose to climb inside **AKIHIRO**, the source of the cult's mutant abilities, to face **SHINOBU KAGEYAMA (SHADOW KING)**...

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CAST:

HISAKO ICHIKI
ARMOR

MEI IGARASHI
MAYSTORM

NICO MINORU
FLEDGLING PSYCHIC

MORI
NICO'S FRIEND

NATSU TSUKISHIMA
NICO'S FRIEND

KANON SAINOUCHI
PSYLOCKE

YUKIO
STREAMER KNOWN AS "CHIMAME"

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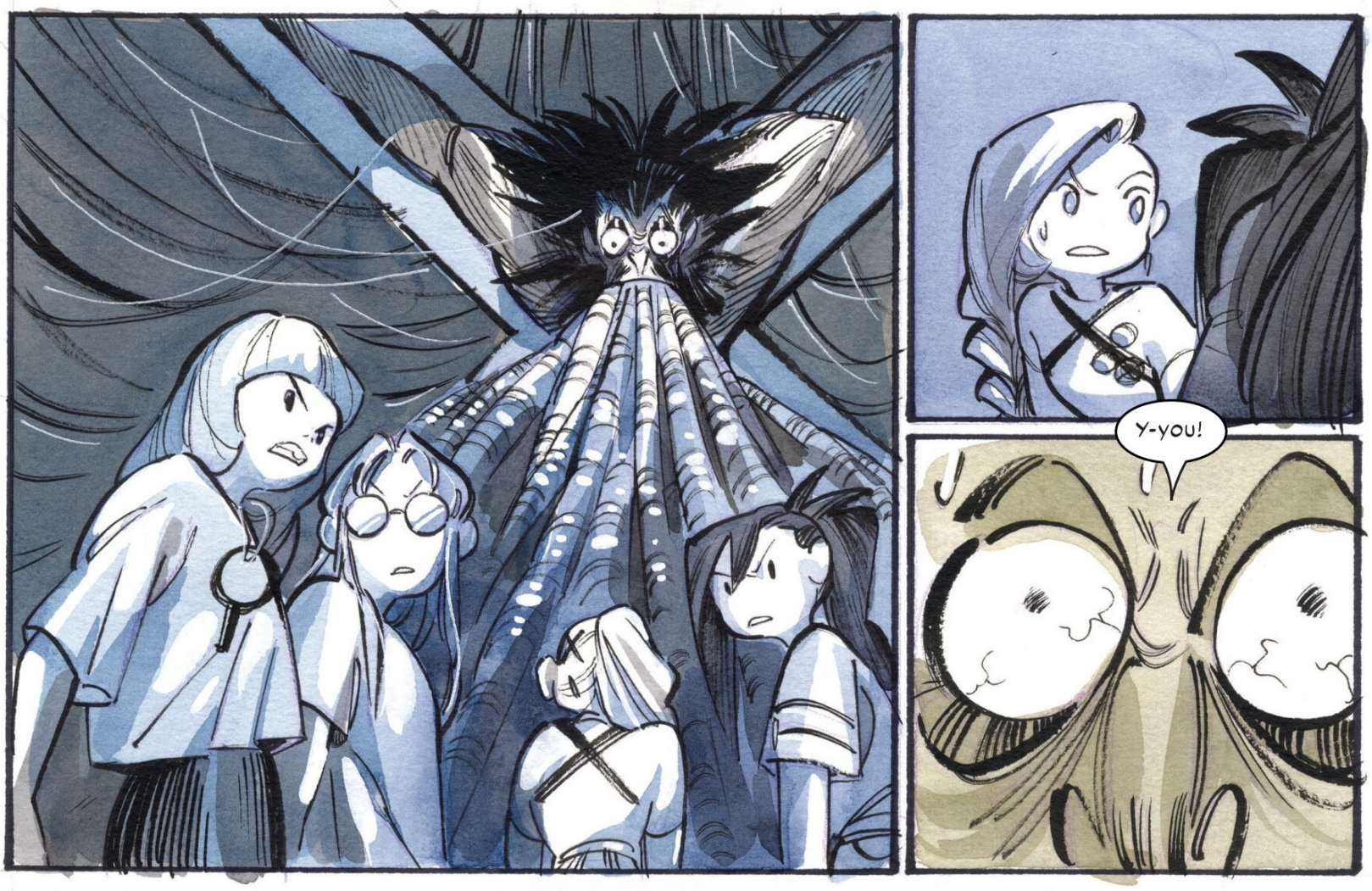
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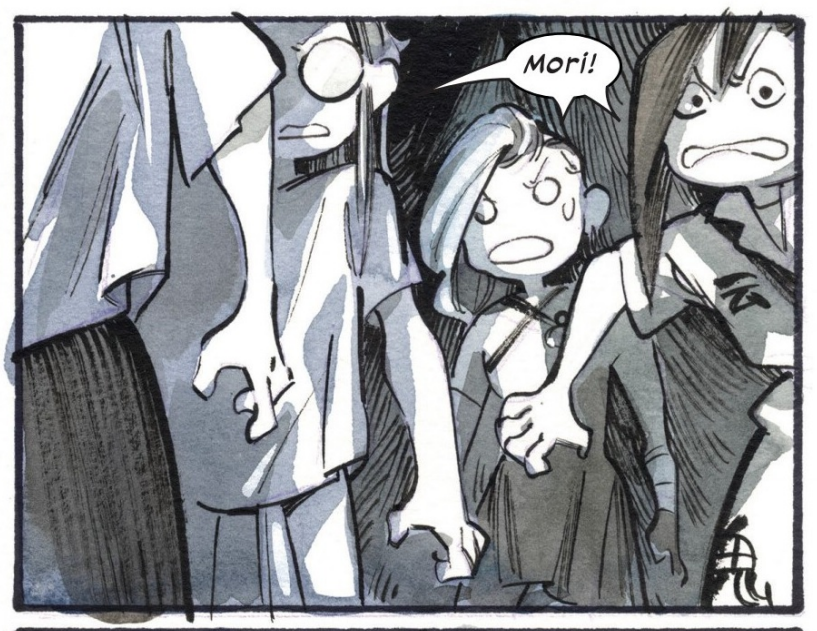
Where is Kageyama?!
Where is Hisako?!


Mori!

Answer!!!

Th-they're in there...

You expect me to believe they are *inside* Akihiro?!

Do not mistake me for a--AGH!

ZAARRRKK

That beam!

Natsu!

My Natsu?

Apostate! Betrayer! *Homo inferior!!!*

Natsu, I found you!

SWKK

You won't escape me!

Mori!!!

AARRRKK

Mori! Are you all right? Can you stand?

Natsu, you forget who took you in...

...after you *killed* your *own mother.*

You're a *monster.* Yet I cared for you. *Protected* you...

Is this how you *repay* me?

I was scared. Alone. I couldn't face what I'd done.

And you... I wanted to trust you.

But you only wanted my power.

What the...? Mori, what's going on with your arm?

Worthless mutants like you...no one will take care of you! You have *nothing!* No place to call *home!*

I know you're right. But with them...

...I want to believe I can be more.

Get a move on! We gotta help Mori!

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Wait! Shouldn't we grab Mori's arm? Can they stitch it back on?!

No... can grow... new one...

Whaa--?!?!

Dammit...

Bless your blood...

...127.

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SLPPP

Kill me...

Kill me...

Kill me...

Kill me...

What's this, Akihiro? You're... bleeding?

Were those brats telling the truth?

Are Hisako and Kageyama truly inside you?

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This taste...

Can it finally be complete?

MY-X.

LIVE

TWO WEEKS LATER.
AUGUST.

Remember Meat Case? Turns out it really was that freak cult: the Children of the Atom.

Called it. Gross muties. I heard they were doing human experimentation.

MY-X? I totally saw that 8-Chome channel live stream! That was craaazy!

Chimame's account got banned! Can you believe it? She must've hit too close.

Damn. That's messed up. I bet it's some government conspiracy.

No posts, no streams, nothing from any of Chimame's accounts. She's gone totally dark.

Can you believe how many muties there are? I don't feel safe.

Wait...does that mean we've been used this entire time by them?

Breaking News: We've received a tip that raids will soon begin on the alleged cult the Children of the Atom. This is the climax of several simultaneous investigations targeting the mutant menace. Today, we finally get some answers.

These investigations were sparked by the social media *#meatcase* incident, which was rumored to be human experimentation. An arrest warrant has finally been issued for the alleged cult's top leader, known only as "the Maester." The whereabouts of the Maester are currently unknown.

We will continue to report on the progress of this investigation here.

That's crazy! Your whole arm's already grown back!

It's not all the way grown back yet, Mei. That takes time. It's scary though. I forgot I could do this. But when I saw Akihiro...

...I remembered everything.

Look. I've been cut up a bunch of times. For years, I think...

Mori, it's okay...you don't have to show us. We believe you.

Because of this stupid regeneration power, I was his human guinea pig. Cut me up and I never die. I grow back. But it always hurts.

I forgot that too. But now that's all I can remember... Hurts so much...

You're free now, Mori. And with friends.

...

You think he's dead?

No. We would have heard something on the news. He escaped.

That sucks. I heard his Atom henchmen are missing too.

Hey, wait-- when did Natsu join the X-Men anyway?

I dunno.

Natsu!

We were just talking about you!

Sorry I'm late.

You're not wearing your eyepatch?

I thought it was time for a change... Do I look weird...?

No way!

You look great!

We missed you, Natsu. You've been through a lot.

Yeah... thanks, Nico. I'm doing better now.

Mei helped me through it.

Huh? Me?

I missed hanging out with everyone!

We're still missing Hi-chan...

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I wonder where Hisako and Kageyama went? They entered Akihiro and just... disappeared.

Actually, Nico, I heard on the news they took Akihiro into custody.

Before she went, Hisako said she was going to meet up with Tsubasa...

Does anyone know where Tsubasa died?

...I know.

Huh? Who are you?!

The real question is...

Do any of you know what is ***really*** going on?

"The Maester of the Children of the Atom is still alive. He's planning something big.

"Project MY-X isn't over...

"You don't have to trust me, but don't believe what the mainstream media feeds you.

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"Not that I have to tell you guys that. You know it better than anyone.

"Only trust what you see for yourself.

Hiroshi, if you ask me, I think the mutants are the real victims here. They were abused by the Children of the Atom. It's no wonder they've gone into hiding.

I hope the day will come when we can all live together in peace.

Indeed, Hiroko. And may that day come soon.

"The mutants under Maester's control are killing more and more.

"The clock's ticking..."

I saw you at Oku-Kirisaki. The only ones who can stop the Maester and protect the lost mutants...

...are the *X-Men.*

I know that voice. You're that streamer, Chimame.

And about Tsubasa...

The temple on the hill behind Kirigaya Minami Middle School...

This is the middle school Hisako went to.

Do you think we can trust her? She's a streamer.

Natsu's right! She's probably got a camera crew hiding somewhere!

...I'm scared.

Mei!

Wait!

What's that glowing thing?

A hitodama?

Ahhhh!!!

It's coming closer!

Is that a ghost...?

Can't you see? It's...

...Kanon!!!

Oh hey. It's you guys.

What're you doing here?

Same as you, right? Came where Tsubasa offed himself to see if I can find some clues about where Hisako is.

I first met Hisako here a few months ago. We had a bit of a showdown.

I remember she was crying.

Stop!

What's wrong?

Can you not see that?

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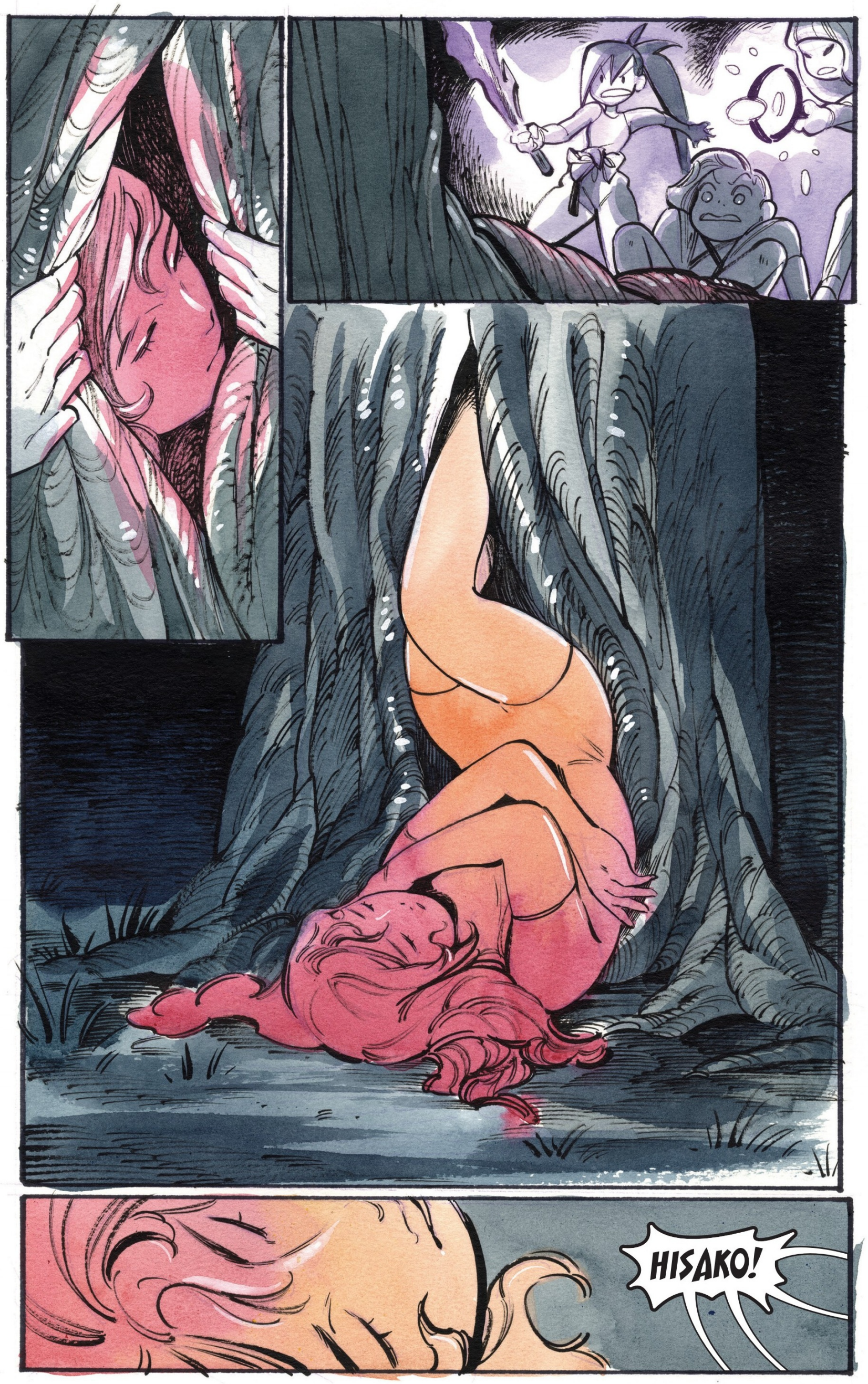
What the hell is *that?*
Tsubasa. This is where you've been.
Let's rip that damn tree apart!
No! I think Hi-chan's inside!


HISAKO!

I am honored by my children's faith in me. It has led to the fulfillment of our ultimate purpose. And now I have found the perfect vessel, one whose rage and ambition is worthy of potential...

MY-X

Noriko.

While your brethren have been out in the world proving their worth, you have suffered defeat at the hands of these X-Men time and again. No longer. Let them know who is superior.

MY-X! All this power is *mine*, mine alone!

No one will take it from me!!!

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To be continued...

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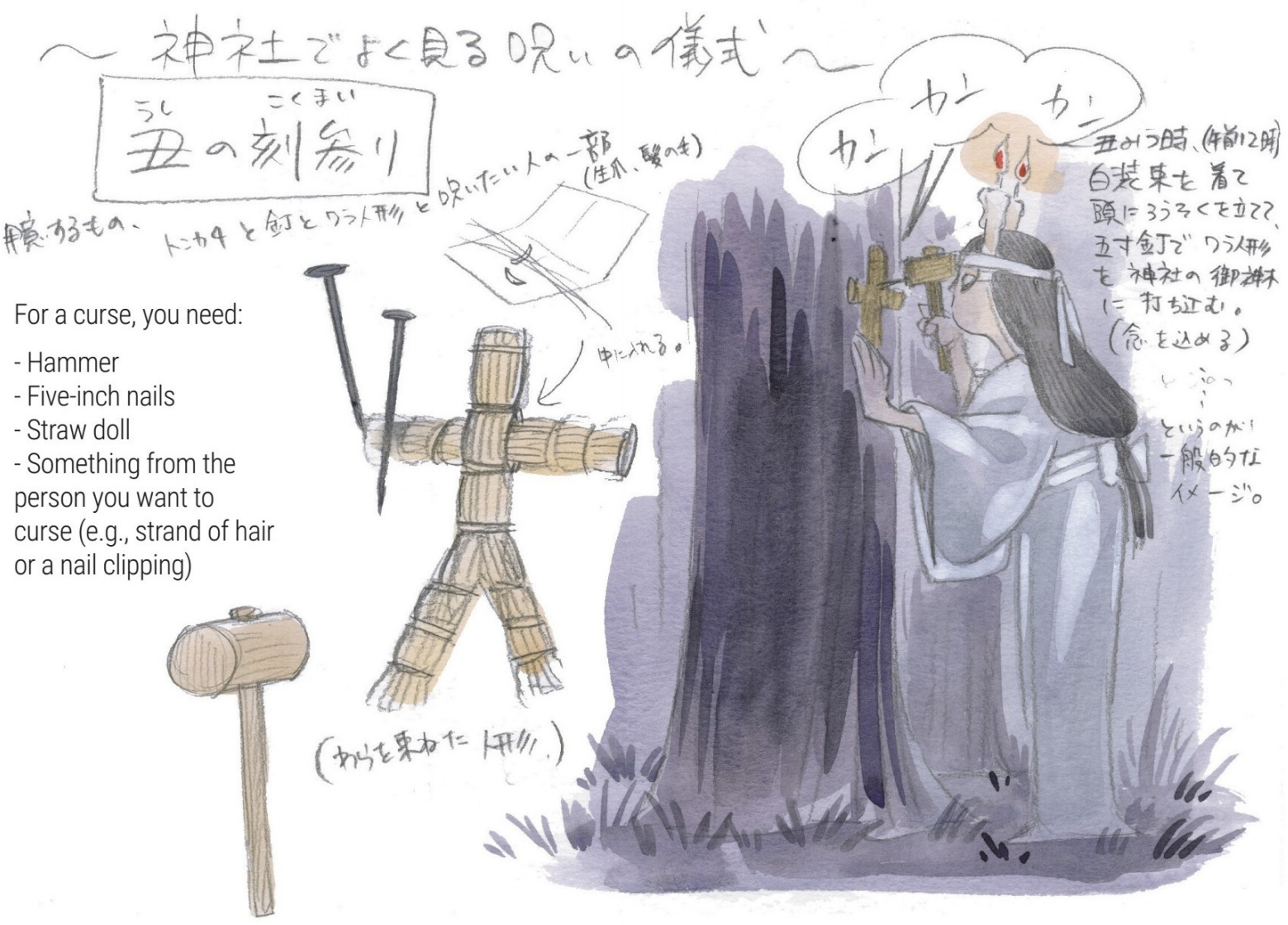
HITODAMA

A type of spirit, also called onibi or kaika. A hitodama is a ball of fire said to be the soul of a person who died with a grudge.

Some common curse rituals seen at temples:

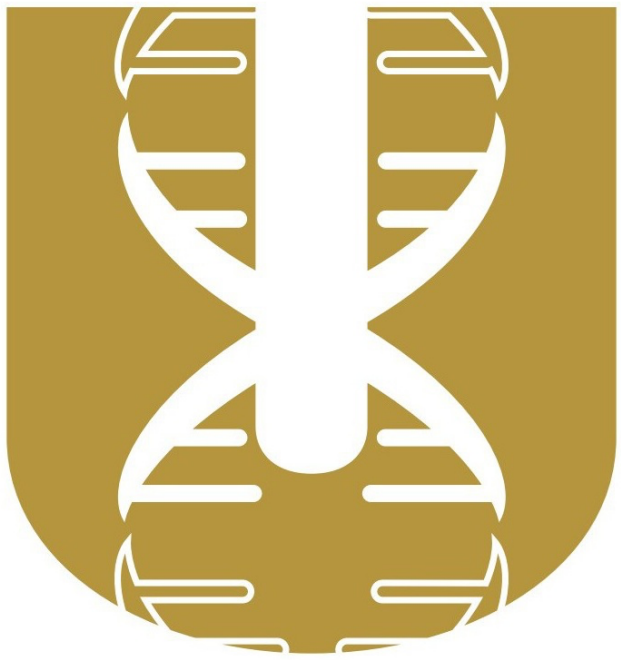
USHI NO KOKU MAIRI

At Ushi Mitsu Toki (midnight), wear a white kimono or white clothing and tie two candles into a headband. Hammer a straw doll into a sacred tree of a shrine using a five-inch nail. Make sure to focus all of your grudges into each hit.



For a curse, you need:

- Hammer
- Five-inch nails
- Straw doll
- Something from the person you want to curse (e.g., strand of hair or a nail clipping)



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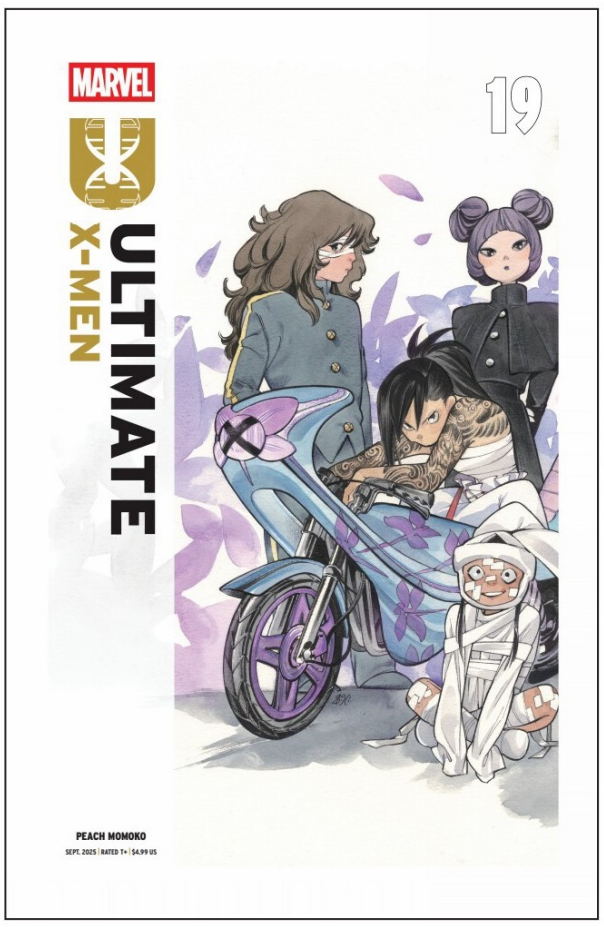

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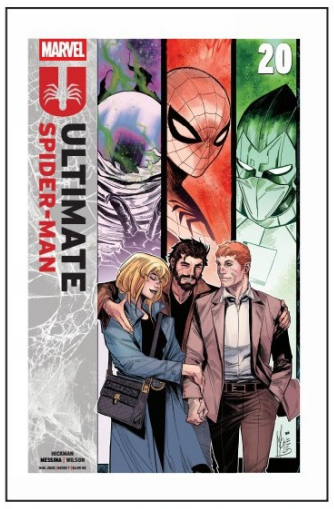

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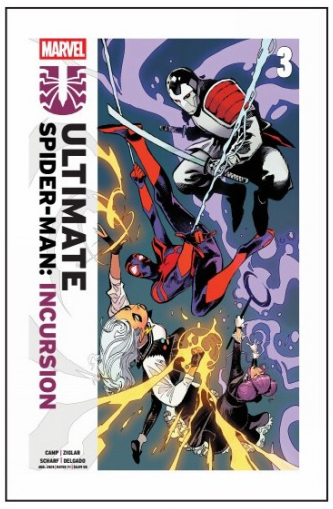

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